

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

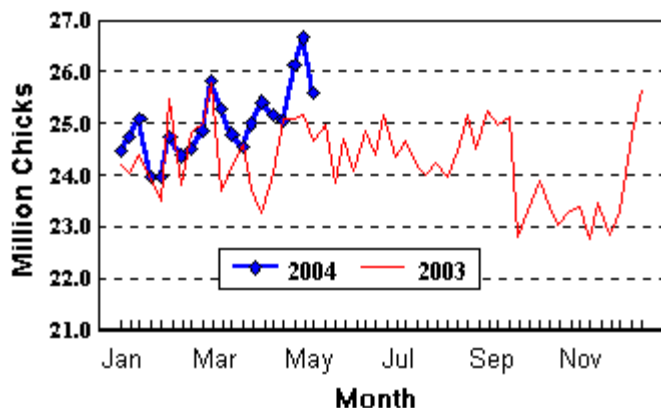
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.6 million during the week ending May 15, 2004. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 4 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 15, 2004 were 500.6 million, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.4 million, up slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.4 percent.

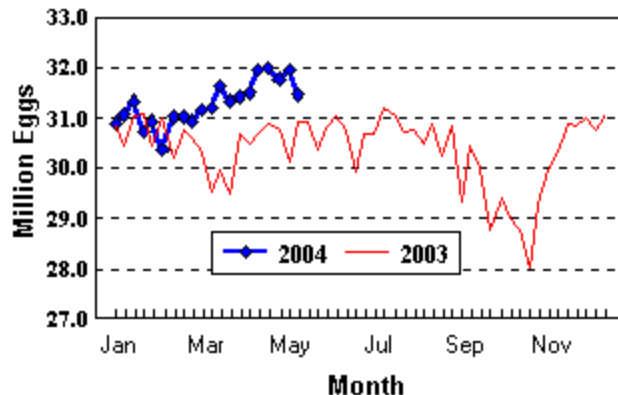
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 15, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Apr. 10	23,255	25,453	109	24,831	26,033	105	30,527	31,533	103
Apr. 17	24,054	25,204	105	24,651	25,899	105	30,670	31,979	104
Apr. 24	25,096	25,051	100	25,456	26,014	102	30,900	32,020	104
May 1	25,120	26,143	104	25,470	26,122	103	30,764	31,803	103
May 8	25,204	26,707	106	25,441	26,377	104	30,169	31,961	106
May 15	24,690	25,596	104	25,804	26,395	102	30,945	31,494	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May		10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May	
Alabama	30,451 *	30,795	30,556	30,590	106	21,649	21,798	21,935	22,043	22,735	21,805	105
ARKANSAS	32,020 *	31,803	31,961	31,494	102	25,453 *	25,204 *	25,051 *	26,143 *	26,707 *	25,596	104
Delaware	3,833	3,741	3,740 *	3,857	105	4,890	4,959	5,051	4,537 *	4,686 *	4,600	90
Florida	1,367 *	1,339	1,348	1,364	95	1,494	1,502	1,416	1,461	1,495	1,640	81
Georgia	33,174	32,862	32,369	33,149	101	25,506	26,283 *	26,245 *	27,041 *	26,700 *	26,979	109
Kentucky	6,898	7,169	6,954	7,027	105	5,751	5,894	6,002	5,967	6,116	6,064	107
Louisiana	3,984	3,998	4,014 *	3,998	102	4,043	3,414	3,796	3,725	4,070 *	3,744	96
Maryland	8,921	8,887	8,901	8,900	92	5,436	5,897	5,879	6,238 *	5,689 *	6,351	103
Mississippi	19,358	19,367	19,301	19,393	100	16,600	16,741	17,317	16,924	16,915	16,807	105
N. Carolina	18,789 *	18,569	19,006 *	18,905	99	15,060	15,076	14,916	15,498	15,200 *	15,013	100
Oklahoma	6,746	6,605	6,588	6,539	101	4,236	5,261	5,650	4,652	3,929	5,001	95
Pennsylvania	3,851 *	3,688 *	3,921 *	3,853	108	2,784	2,626	2,722 *	2,775 *	2,902 *	2,785	106
S. Carolina	3,748	3,759	3,760	3,774	76	4,533 *	4,375 *	4,006 *	3,723 *	4,352 *	3,863	88
Texas	15,339	15,324	15,475	15,463	103	12,535	12,672	12,850	12,826	12,858	12,769	102
Virginia	6,529	6,642	6,653	6,644	100	5,668	5,236	5,197	5,210	5,236	5,609	99
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,995 *	17,993	18,066 *	17,911	106	16,265	16,316	15,459	16,416 *	14,981 *	15,643	96
Total 2004	213,003 *	212,541 *	212,613 *	212,861		171,903 *	173,254 *	173,492 *	175,179 *	174,571 *	174,269	
Total 2003	207,999	209,166	206,679	210,125		169,177	168,183	172,080	172,351	171,830	170,953	
%Prev. Year	102	102	103	101		102	103	101	102	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	

\* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending May 15, 2004. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 15, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 15, 2004 were 3.41 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.